



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Sumter County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Phone: (803) 436-2158
 County Courthouse Room 107
 141 North Main Street
 Sumter, SC 29150

SC Public Information Phone System: 1-866-246-0133

Provides evacuation and shelter information

Local Radio and TV Stations:

Radio

WDXY 1240AM	KISS 99.3
WKHT 93.7 FM	WQMC 1290 AM
WICI 94.7 FM	WSSC 1340AM
WIBZ 95.5 FM	

Television

WIS 10	WRJA 27
WLTX 19	Cable Channel 2
WOLO 25	
WLTX 13	

Transportation:

Local County EMS will NOT provide transportation for evacuation. You must arrange this through your local ambulance service. These telephone numbers are listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book. Bus transportation to shelters may be available. Listen to radio announcements or contact Emergency Preparedness at (803) 898 4415.

Evacuation Routes:

Traffic information may be obtained by calling the Department of Transportation at 1-888-877-9151. Information will also be available on the local radio and television stations. Evacuation maps are available through the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and through the S.C. Hurricane Guide, which is distributed at local grocery stores.

Shelter Information:

Shelter information is available through the Florence or Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross at (843) 662-8121 or (803) 540-1200. Special Medical Needs Shelter information is available through DHEC Region 4 Public Health office at 1-800-476-DHEC (1-800-476-3432).

Medical Equipment / Supplies / Medications Needs:

You should plan ahead for maintenance of back-up systems for needed medical equipment. Contact your DME company for instructions.

You should also have enough medical supplies and medications to see you through any potential disaster situation. Contact your home health agency, hospice, or medical supplier as soon as inclement weather is forecasted, or as soon as possible prior to evacuation out of town or prior to going to a shelter.

For more information on shelters and disaster emergency information, visit DHEC's Web site at <http://www.scdhec.gov/shelters>

(Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and Sumter Counties)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

In the event of a disaster such as a hurricane or a flood, it is important to plan ahead. Listed below is information to help you prepare.

Survival Kit: Gather non-perishable food, drinking water, first aid kit, battery powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, bedding and towels. Make a list of your medications, doctor name and phone number, pharmacy and phone number, and medical supply company. Have your survival kit ready at all times.

When a **storm watch** is issued it means there is a possible threat to our area.

- Listen to weather information
- Review evacuation plans and check survival kit
- Refill medication prescriptions and medical supplies

When a **storm warning** is issued it means that storm conditions are expected. If a hurricane, storm conditions would be expected within 24 hours.

- Prepare your home for the storm
- If you evacuate, remember to take your medications and medical supplies or equipment.

TAKE YOUR SURVIVAL KIT!

- Let someone know your evacuation plans.

Red Cross Shelters:

The Red Cross provides shelters for the general public. These shelters are also available for persons with stable health conditions or those who use special equipment such as a walker or a wheelchair.

Persons with unstable medical conditions or persons who need electricity to power special equipment may not be eligible to enter a shelter. Contact the local Red Cross if you need help in deciding if you qualify for a shelter.

After a storm, you may not be able to return to or leave your home until the county is able to restore utilities, remove debris from main roadways, and assure your safety. Downed power lines pose a dangerous threat. Flooded roads may be hazardous, especially near rivers or streams. Contaminated water supplies cannot be used for drinking. Local advisories will be on the radio or available through special phone numbers to let you know when it is safe to return to your home.